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## NEVADA CLIMATE SUMMARY

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January was another very warm month over Nevada, but rather than the dry conditions of the past several months, it was wet, except in the South. Temperatures averaged from 4 to 7 degrees above normal, and in fact several places had one of their warmest Januaries on record. For example, Reno was 6 degrees above normal to qualify for the fifth warmest first month in 112 years of record. February 1953 and 1986 were the warmest at 8 degrees above normal. At Las Vegas it was also 6 degrees above normal for the second warmest January in a 65 year-long Airport record. February 1986 was warmer. The same was true for the Northeast where Elko averaged 5 degrees and Ely 6 degrees above normal. Unusually mild nights were mainly responsible for the warm averages.

Precipitation was also extreme in the Silver State this January with none falling in Las Vegas, but with over two inches in Reno (twice normal), twice normal in Winnemucca and 1½ times normal at Elko.

With four months of the 1999-2000 Water Year in the books, many places in the South have had little or no rain, while the Northern two-thirds of Nevada generally ranges from half to three-quarters of normal, thanks to a wet January.

More detail indicates that the coldest temperatures were found in the Northeast and East, where Charleston had -18° on the 29<sup>th</sup>. It was -11° at Pioche Lister and -9° at Reese River Hoard and Boies Ranch. Extreme highs were in the 70's along the Colorado River and Lake Mead. (For example, Overton had 77° on the 19<sup>th</sup>). Low precipitation marks ranged from only a trace at Las Vegas Airport in January to Manhattan with .07", and Schurz and Rye Patch .21".

Wet spots were in the Far West, with 14.30" at Mt. Rose (1½ times normal), Marlette Lake 9.30" (1½ times normal), Daggett Pass 6.96", and Glenbrook 5.03 (1¾ times normal). Also, Betty Baglin had 5.11" at Mogul near Reno. Virginia City had 1½ times normal with 3.15". In the Far North Rey Nystrom had 2.77" (1¼ times normal) at Jarbidge.

Strong winds plagued Nevada at mid-month with 79 mph at Lakeridge Springs near Reno on the 10<sup>th</sup> and 73 mph on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 76 mph on the 11<sup>th</sup> at Reno Homann. A 138 mph gust on top of the 8500 foot Pah Rah Range northeast of Reno on the 10<sup>th</sup> took Statewide windy "honors".

February and March High Temperatures for Nevada

February	93°	Laughlin	1986
	-42°	Carlin-Newmont	1989
March	101°	Rioville	1903
	-37°	Diamond Valley	1969

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